# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:359
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FOODGRAIONS FOR-MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether rotting foodgrains were recovered from the FCI godowns in November, 2001 whichwere purported to be provided under the Mid Day Scheme to the children of primary schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken against the erring officers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons thereto; and

(e) the preventive steps taken by the Union Government in this regard and the number ofthe FCI godowns inspected for the purpose till date?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b),(c)&(d): Does not arise.

(e): The FCI is required to supply foodgrains conforming to the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act standards to the States for distribution under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes including Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme The State Governments are free to inspect the stocks and satisfy themselves about their quality before lifting the same from FCI depots. The State Governments have also beenadvised to depute an officer not below the rank of Inspector to check the quality of stocks.

During 2001-2002 (up to January 2002) 618 Food Storage Depots of FCI have beeninspected by the Quality Control officers of the Ministry.